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SHRINKO!

YOU OUT THERE... STEP IN CLOSER! I DON'T WANT MY PARTNER, CHARLEY, TO HEAR! YOU THINK WE'RE SITTING PRETTY, EH, WITH ALL OUR *MILLIONS!* WELL, LET ME TELL YOU, BROTHER, WE'D GIVE UP *ALL* OUR MILLIONS, IF WE COULD JUST GO BACK TO THAT DAY WHEN I GOT *THE BIG IDEA!*

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ME AND CHARLIE WERE HUSTLING A KNIFE SHARPENER CALLED "THE LITTLE WONDER"...

THE LITTLE WONDER WILL PUT A *RAZOR EDGE* ON ANYTHING! AND IT'S SO EASY TO OPERATE, EVEN A MIDGET CAN WORK THE LITTLE WONDER! TELL THE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN HOW TALL YOU ARE, CHARLEY!

THREE FEET!

BUT I WASN'T HAPPY! I WANTED TO GO AFTER THE *BIG* DOUGH... BUT CHARLEY INSISTED $1.98 IN THE HAND IS WORTH MORE THAN A MILLION IN THE AIR...

I'LL TAKE ONE!

GIVE ME TWO!

THANK YOU, FOLKS! AND SMITTY FROM KANSAS CITY IS HERE TO INFORM YOU THAT NEVER HAVE YOU INVESTED $198 FOR A BETTER PURPOSE!

LET'S BEAT IT, CHARLEY! WE'RE ABOUT TO HAVE A VISITOR!

SURE, SMITTY! WE DID GOOD! LET'S FIND ANOTHER LOCATION!

THAT WAS ANOTHER REASON I HATED THE SMALL TIME...WE WERE ALWAYS MOVING...

MAYBE WE OUGHT TO BUY A LICENSE, SMITTY!

SHUT UP AND KEEP RUNNIN'!

EVERY NIGHT, AFTER WORKING HOURS, I LOOKED THRU THE NEWS-PAPERS! I DIDN'T KNOW JUST WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR, BUT ONE THING I *DID* KNOW... IT WOULD HAVE TO BE *BIG*...

STILL HUNTIN' FOR A GIMMICK, SMITTY? WHY DON'T YOU FORGET IT? WE'RE DOIN' OKAY! WE GOT A BANK ACCOUNT!

WAIT A MINUTE... YEAH, MAYBE I *GOT* SOMETHIN' HERE!

BOTTLES? WHAT COULD *WE* DO WITH BOTTLES?

CHARLEY, I REALLY *HAVE* GOT SOMETHIN'! AND *YOU'RE* JUST THE LITTLE MAN WHO CAN HELP ME PUT IT OVER!

FOR SALE

SURPLUS WAREHOUSE AND CONTENTS! CONTAINS MILLIONS OF BOTTLES! ALL BOTTLES UNLABELED AND CONTENTS UNKNOWN!

IT TOOK SOME FAST TALKIN', BUT FINALLY CHARLEY LET ME TAKE ALL THE MONEY OUT OF OUR JOINT BANK ACCOUNT! THEN WE WENT OUT TO BUY A WAREHOUSE...

THERE'S OUR TEN PER CENT DOWN! YOU'LL GET THE REST IN MONTHLY PAYMENTS!

FINE! YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A WAREHOUSE!

WE GOT OURSELVES A HEADACHE!

JUST *WHAT* ARE WE GOIN' TO DO WITH ALL THESE BOTTLES, SMITTY?

WE'RE GONNA SELL 'EM FOR *TEN BUCKS* APIECE, PAL! LET'S GO SEE A *PRINTER*!

WE GOT 50,000 LABELS PRINTED UP AND FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS WE JUST PASTED THEM ON OUR BOTTLES! CHARLEY WAS EVEN STARTING TO LIKE MY IDEA...

MAYBE YOU *DO* HAVE SOMETHING, SMITTY!

MAYBE? WHY WE'RE GONNA CAUSE RIOTS WHEN WE OFFER OUR PRODUCT TO THE PUBLIC! *SHRINKO*... THE LATEST AND GREATEST WONDER OF THE WORLD!

SHRINKO

NEXT WE HAD A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN OF CHARLEY AND HAD IT BLOWN UP TO SIX FEET! I CAN STILL REMEMBER THE DAY WE STARTED OUR FIRST PITCH...

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT, FOLKS, IF I TOLD YOU CHARLEY ONCE WAS A *SIX FOOTER*? HE *WAS*! AND THERE'S HIS *UNRETOUCHED* PHOTOGRAPH TO PROVE IT.!

THEN CHARLEY USED ONE... I SAID *ONE*... BOTTLE OF SHRINKO! AS YOU SEE, CHARLEY IS NOW ONLY *THREE* FEET TALL!

SHRINKO

CHARLEY'S ONLY *HALF* AS BIG AS HE USED TO BE! AND *SHRINKO* CAN DO THE *SAME* FOR *YOU*, FOLKS... AND FOR *ONLY* TEN DOLLARS A BOTTLE!

YES, SIR! NOW CHARLEY'S HOUSE IS *TWICE* AS BIG AS IT USED TO BE! HE FEELS LIKE HIS CAR IS ALSO *TWICE* AS BIG! AND CHARLEY ONLY EATS *HALF* AS MUCH FOOD AS HE USED TO! THINK OF THE *MONEY* HE SAVES!

I'LL TAKE A BOTTLE!

ME TOO!

IT WAS A PANIC! WE SOLD EVERY BOTTLE OF SHRINKO IN FIVE MINUTES! AND THAT WAS ONLY A STARTER! THE NEXT DAY WE WORKED RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR WAREHOUSE...

DON'T FIGHT, FOLKS! THERE'S PLENTY FOR EVERYBODY!

TEN BOTTLES, PLEASE!

I'M NEXT!

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SHRINKO WAREHOUSE

WE WORKED FOR A FEW MORE DAYS ...THEN WE HIRED PEOPLE AND STARTED SHIPPING SHRINKO ALL OVER THE COUNTRY..

THERE GOES MORE SHRINKO TO THE MIDWEST, CHARLEY! WE MADE OVER A *MILLION* THE FIRST WEEK!

EVERYBODY'S BUYING SHRINKO! BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY GET WISE?

WAREHOUSE

SHRINKO

RELAX, CHARLEY! IT SAYS ON EVERY BOTTLE OF SHRINKO THAT IT TAKES *TWO MONTHS* TO WORK!

SMITTY, YOU ARE A *GREAT* MAN!

WE LIVED LIKE KINGS AND THE MONEY KEPT POURING IN! CHARLEY EVEN GOT HIMSELF A GIRL FRIEND...

SMITTY, I WANT YOU TO MEET TINA, MY FIANCÉE!

HI, TINA!

HELLO! CHARLEY'S TOLD ME A LOT ABOUT YOU!

CHARLEY AND ME HAD MORE MONEY THAN WE COULD COUNT! BUT THEN I GOT TO WORRYING!

WHAT'S WRONG, SMITTY? MILLIONAIRES LIKE US SHOULD BE LAUGHING ALL THE TIME!

WE GOT TROUBLES, CHARLEY! DO YOU KNOW WHAT **DAY** THIS IS?

WE SOLD OUR FIRST BOTTLE OF SHRINKO EXACTLY TWO MONTHS AGO, CHARLEY! NOW PEOPLE ARE GOING TO START EXPECTING ***RESULTS!***

WOW! AND WE GOT OVER FIVE ***MILLION*** OF THEIR DOUGH! WE BETTER GET LOST... AND ***FAST!***

THE SAME NIGHT WE HUSTLED OUT TO OUR WAREHOUSE! I WENT INSIDE AND GOT INTO THE BACK OF A SPECIAL TRACTOR-TRAILER I HAD ALL FIXED UP FOR JUST THIS OCCASION...

MONEY! EVERY ***DIME*** WE MADE FROM SHRINKO, CHARLEY! WE'RE LEAVIN' TOWN... BUT WE AIN'T GOIN' ***EMPTY-HANDED!***

BEFORE WE LEFT, I WENT BACK INTO THE WAREHOUSE ALONE, AND TOOK ONE LONG, LAST LOOK AT ALL THAT UNSOLD SHRINKO...

IF ONLY WE COULD STICK AROUND LONGER... THERE MUST BE ANOTHER TWO MILLION BUCKS WORTH OF SHRINKO HERE!

SHRINKO

SHRINKO

CHARLEY AND ME HEADED FOR THE LONELIEST STRETCH OF WOODS WE COULD FIND! WE FOUND AN OLD CABIN MILES FROM NEW YORK, AND IT WAS THERE THAT WE HOLED UP...

LUCKY WE FOUND SOME CHOW IN THIS OLD CABIN, CHARLEY! WE'LL STAY HERE TILL THE HEAT BLOWS OVER!

IT'LL TAKE US A MONTH TO COUNT ALL THIS MONEY, SMITTY!

AND THAT WAS HOW WE PASSED THE TIME... COUNTING OUR MONEY! WE STAYED HIDDEN FOR THIRTY DAYS ... AND THEN WE FIGURED IT WAS SAFE...

WE'VE BEEN HERE 30 DAYS, CHARLEY! I THINK IT'S OKAY TO DRIVE BACK TO NEW YORK!

LET'S ***GO!*** I'M ITCHIN' TO SEE TINA... AND ***SPEND*** SOME OF THIS DOUGH!

I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT DRIVE! I'D NEVER SEEN A NIGHT SO PITCH-BLACK! THEN AS DAWN BROKE, WE FIGURED WE SHOULD BE GETTING INTO NEW YORK...

WE SHOULD BE IN NEW YORK, SMITTY! WE STAYED ON THE RIGHT ROAD... AND YET I HAVEN'T SEEN A *HOUSE* ALL NIGHT... OR ANY PEOPLE...

SOMETHING'S WRONG, CHARLEY! LET'S GET OUT AND LOOK AROUND!

I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT, CHARLEY! THERE'S *NOTHING* AROUND... NO PEOPLE... NO BUILDINGS!

YEAH! IT... IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS!

AND THEN LITTLE CHARLEY SAW IT... PROBABLY BECAUSE HE WAS CLOSER TO THE GROUND THAN I WAS, HIM BEING A MIDGET...

SMITTY! LOOK!

IT *CAN'T* BE!

BUT THERE IT WAS... LITTLE OLD NEW YORK... AND THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING!

THERE'S THE *EMPIRE STATE BUILDING!*

AND IT'S ONLY ABOUT ELEVEN INCHES HIGH! AND THEM *DOTS* ON THE GROUND... THEY'RE *PEOPLE!*

SHRINKO *REALLY* WORKS! IT EVEN MADE THE *BUILDINGS* SMALL!

HOW ABOUT *US*, CHARLEY? WHAT CAN WE *DO?* *WERE* THE ONLY *NORMAL* PEOPLE IN THE WORLD!

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I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT CHEERFUL, TRUSTING LOOK ON CHARLEY'S FACE AS HE SPOKE AGAIN...

DON'T *WORRY*, SMITTY! *WE'LL* DRINK *SHRINKO* AND GET *SMALL* LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE!

YEAH... OKAY! LET'S TAKE A REST BEFORE WE FIND THE WAREHOUSE, CHARLEY!

... AND THAT, FOLKS, IS THE SADDEST PART OF ALL! HOW AM I *EVER* GOIN' TO TELL CHARLEY THAT WITH EVERYTHING SO SMALL, *I CAN'T FIND THE WAREHOUSE!*

THE END

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THE BURNING TRUTH

THE HEAVENS ARE STAINED CRIMSON WITH THE VOLCANIC BELCHING AND THE TINY ISLAND TREMBLES LIKE A FRIGHTENED HOUND...BUT THE KARO BATAK WITCH DOCTOR DOESN'T OFFER HIS BUFFALO HORNS OR MAGIC CHANTS, FOR HE KNOWS THAT WHEN KRAKATOA SPEAKS, NO POWER ON EARTH CAN STILL ITS FIERY MOUTH!

FEAR ALSO RAGES INSIDE GERALD FRAMSON, BUT HIS AWE IS GREATER AND HE STANDS AND WATCHES THE VIOLENT DISPLAY...

BESAR ASKS AND INTERPRETS THE WITCH DOCTOR'S HURRIED WORDS!

GERALD FRAMSON'S QUESTION IS SWALLOWED UP BY A RUMBLING BLAST OF FIRE FROM KRAKATOA, AND THE WITCH DOCTOR HURRIES AWAY TOWARD THE CAVE FOR SAFETY...

BUT WHAT HE SAID IS RIDICULOUS... IMPOSSIBLE!

NO, TUAN! HIM KNOW EVERY-THING!

FOR TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS KRAKATOA WEARS ITS BLOOD-RED PLUMES OF FIRE, AND THE YOUNG SCIENTIST SITS IN THE CAVE AND WATCHES...

IN THE EYES OF SCIENCE, IMPOSSIBILITY DOES NOT EXIST... BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE THAT ANYONE COULD ACTUALLY LIVE INSIDE THAT HADES!

BESAR WATCH YOUR FACE, TUAN! IT BETRAYS MUCH!

THEN YOU KNOW THAT AFTER THAT VOLCANO STOPS ERUPTING AND COOLS OFF, I'M GOING UP TO THE CRATER!

THE ISLAND IS PAINTED RED WITH KRAKATOA'S GLOW FOR ANOTHER NIGHT... THEN IT SUDDENLY SWALLOWS ITS FIRE AND FURY AND HANGS A WREATH OF SILENCE OVER THE ISLAND...

BESAR FOLLOW THRU JUNGLE AND SWAMP BUT NOT TO KRAKATOA!

I UNDERSTAND, BESAR! I'LL GO ALONE!

NEXT MORNING, THE KARO BATAK WITCH DOCTOR MOANS HIS MAGIC CHANTS AS THE NATIVES WATCH FRAMSON CLIMB THE LAVA-ENCRUSTED SIDES OF KRAKATOA!

ON THE LIP OF THE CRATER, GERALD PAUSES AND LOOKS INTO THE GAPING MOUTH...

THE INVISIBLE FINGER OF CURIOSITY BECKONS TO THE SCIENTIST... AND HE HEEDS THE CALL...

WITH EACH DESCENDING STEP, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD GETS DIMMER... AND THEN A SUDDEN WRONG STEP AND HE FALLS...

LIKE A ROLLING STONE, HIS UNCONSCIOUS BODY AVALANCHES INTO THE VOLCANO... DEEPER, AND DEEPER...

THE EMPTY JAWS OF HUNGER GNAWING AT HIS INSIDES TELL HIM HE'S BEEN UNCONSCIOUS FOR A LONG TIME AND FORCE HIM TO OPEN HIS EYES... BUT THE FACES WITH FLESH AS RED AS FIRE, STARING DOWN AT HIM MAKE THE SCIENTIST BELIEVE HE HAS LOST HIS SENSES.

IT CAN'T BE TRUE! I MUST STILL BE UNCONSCIOUS!

YOU WOULD BE, UPPER-WORLD ONE, IF MY DAUGHTER, PYRA, HAD NOT FOUND YOU AND NURSED YOU FOR DAYS!

YOU MEAN I'M STILL IN THE VOLCANO? BUT WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE? AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

WE ARE THE FIRE PEOPLE AND THIS IS OUR WORLD!

FIRE PEOPLE? THEN IT'S TRUE .. YOU LIVE HERE..AND SURVIVED THE ERUPTION!

IT WAS WE WHO ERUPTED! BECAUSE OUR WORLD IS WITHOUT CRIME, OR SIN OR SHAME, AND IN THE PAST 1,000 YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY *TWO* VIOLATORS... ONE IN 1883 AND THE OTHER A FEW DAYS AGO!

BOTH COMMITTED GRAVE OFFENSES! THEY LIED!

AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THE BODIES OF OUR ENTIRE POPULATION BURST INTO FIRE AND UNITE IN A TOWER OF FLAME TO CONSUME THE OFFENDER...

AND YOU ARE THE FIRST OUTSIDER TO KNOW THE ORIGIN OF WHAT YOUR WORLD CALLS... *ERUPTIONS!*

AS GERALD RECOVERS FROM HIS FALL UNDER PYRA'S CARE, HE LEARNS MANY WONDERFUL THINGS ABOUT THE WEIRD WORLD HE HAS DISCOVERED .. A WORLD FREE FROM CRIME, SIN AND PREJUDICE...

I LIKE THIS PLACE, PYRA! I HATE TO THINK OF LEAVING!

THEN PLEASE DO NOT GO, GERALD, BECAUSE I I...

WORDS FAIL PYRO, BUT NOT HER LIPS...

I LOVE YOU TOO, PYRA! BUT I CAN'T STAY! I AM NOT YOUR KIND... AND I HAVE A WIFE BACK HOME IN ENGLAND

OH!

PYRA IS SAD...BUT HONESTY, FAITHFULNESS AND HONOR ARE RESPECTED IN HER WORLD AND SHE DOES NOT TRY TO PERSUADE GERALD TO BE UNTRUE TO HIS WIFE BY ASKING HIM TO REMAIN...

PYRA HAS TOLD ME WHY YOU ARE LEAVING! YOUR HONESTY MAKES YOU WORTHY OF BEING OF OUR WORLD! WE COULD EASILY TRANSFORM YOU INTO ONE OF US... BUT YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE WAITING UP THERE!

YES! BUT IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO FORGET THIS WORLD, OR YOUR DAUGHTER!

PYRA'S TEARS ARE LIKE RUBIES ON HER RED CHEEKS AS SHE WATCHES THE MAN SHE LOVES GO OUT OF HER LIFE...AND GERALD DARES NOT LOOK BACK AS HE CLIMBS THE INNER WALL OF KRAKATOA TO RETURN HOME TO HIS WIFE!

AND A DAY LATER, . GERALD IS ON A BOAT SAILING FOR ENGLAND!

WHEN HE GETS HOME, THE DOOR OF HIS PLACE IS LOCKED...

LINDA! OPEN UP! IT'S ME, GERALD! I'M BACK!

GOOD HEAVENS! MY HUSBAND! QUICK, ROGER...OUT THE BACK WAY!

OH, GERALD...HOW GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK, DEAR! I'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH. . AND I'VE WORRIED FOR YOU SO!

HAVE YOU REALLY, LINDA DEAR?

LINDA'S LYING "YES" IS LIKE A MATCH TO GERALD'S BODY...AND LIKE KRAKATOA HE SUDDENLY BURSTS INTO FLAMES..

OHH!

GERALD! LET GO OF ME! YOU'RE ON FIRE!

GERALD OBEYS... BUT IT IS TOO LATE!

IN A FEW SECONDS LINDA IS ONLY A SMALL HEAP OF ASHES!

THEN GERALD LOOKS DOWN AT HIS HANDS AND SEES AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION TAKING PLACE...

THEY... THEY'RE TURNING RED LIKE THE FLAME PEOPLE'S FLESH!

I'M CHANGING INTO ONE OF THEM! I'VE GOT TO GET BACK BEFORE I CHANGE COMPLETELY... I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE VOLCANO... AND PYRA!

AND THIS TIME A BOAT IS TOO SLOW FOR GERALD'S RETURN TRIP...

FROM JAVA HE TAKES A BOAT THRU THE SUNDRA STRAITS THEN TO THE ISLAND OF KRAKATOA!

HURRY! PLEASE HURRY!

THEN ONCE AGAIN THE KARO BATAK WITCH DOCTOR WAILS HIS CHANT AS GERALD CLIMBS TO THE TOP OF THE VOLCANO!

AND WHEN HE GETS TO THE TOP, SOMEONE IS THERE WAITING FOR HIM...

PYRA!

GERALD! I HOPED YOU WOULD RETURN!

MY WIFE... SHE WAS UNTRUE! I WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN IT...

IF HER LIES HADN'T CAUSED YOU TO ERUPT INTO FLAMES THE WAY *WE* DO!

THAT'S BECAUSE I TRANSFORMED YOU INTO ONE OF US BEFORE I KNEW YOU HAD A WIFE... THE DAY I KISSED YOU!

I'M GLAD YOU DID, PYRA! NOW I'M HERE TO STAY WITH YOU IN YOUR WORLD!

WITH THEIR ARMS AROUND EACH OTHER, GERALD AND PYRA DESCENDED INTO THE MOUTH OF THE VOLCANO... AND AS FAR AS THEY ARE CONCERNED, KRAKATOA WILL NEVER AGAIN ERUPT!

THE END

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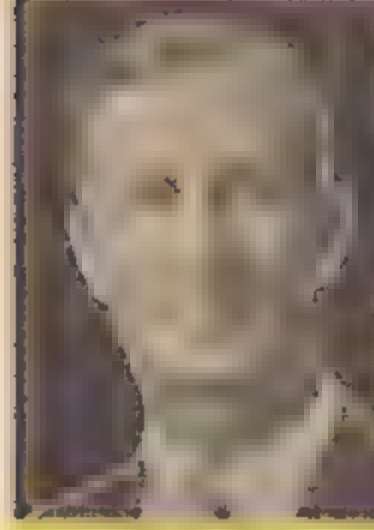
I WILL TRAIN YOU AT HOME FOR GOOD PAY JOBS IN RADIO-TELEVISION



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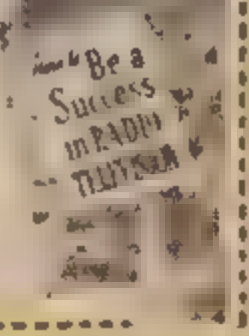

VIOLENCE!

THE HOT SUN BEAT DOWN ON THE LITTLE STEAMER ON LAKE VICTORIA! THE ANIMALS STIRRED RESTLESSLY AS THE WHISKEY SCENT OF THE WHITE HUNTER CAME TO THEIR CAGES! THIS WAS AFRICA, THE WEIRD CONTINENT WHERE ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN!

THIS WAS THE HUNTER'S SATANIC PLEASURE TO SUBJECT THE MIGHT OF THE MAN-LIKE JUNGLE KING TO TORTURE..

HAH, YOU'D LIKE TO GRAB ME,.. TO GET THOSE PAWS ON ME, WOULDN'T YOU, YOU BIG BRUTE? YOU HATE ME 'CAUSE I GIVE YOU PAIN AND YOU CAN'T RETALIATE!

TO HIM, THE GREAT BEAST WAS THE SYMBOL OF AFRICA.. AFRICA WHICH HE HATED, BUT TO WHICH HE HAD FLED FROM HIS OWN KIND AND THEIR SOCIAL SYSTEM WHEN HE HAD BEEN OUTCAST BECAUSE OF HIS ROTTENNESS..

PRESENTLY HE TIRED OF HIS BRUTAL SPORT AND TURNED AWAY CHECKING THE OTHER CRATES OF BEASTS WHICH HE WAS BRINGING IN...

YOU, BOY! SECURE THIS CRATE...TIE TIGHT, OR I'LL SKIN YOUR WORTHLESS HIDE OFF!

THE NATIVES CRINGED OUT OF HIS WAY IN FEAR! THEY FELT THE VICIOUS WEIGHT OF HIS WHIP OFTEN!

THE DEADLY MAMBAS COILED AND HISSED, THEIR FANGS DRIPPING POISON AS HE POKED AT THEM IN DRUNKEN PLEASURE.

LIKE TO SINK THOSE FANGS INTO ME, WOULDN'T YOU? NOT ME, YOU GUMMY BEAUTIES! YOU'RE TRAPPED, CAGED BY *ME*, THE *MASTER* HERE!

IN TIPSY ARROGANCE HE STALKED TO HIS CABIN, HIS SHADOW PRESAGING THE COMING OF THE JUNGLE DARKNESS!

IN HIS FILTHY BUNK HE LAY, SWAGGERING EVEN WHEN RELAXED, DRINKING HIMSELF INTO HIS CUSTOMARY EVENING STUPOR

IT WAS DARK WHEN VIOLENCE AWAKENED HIM, SMASHING HIM FROM BUNK TO WALL...

A STORM! ONE OF THOSE LOUSY, SUDDEN, TROPICAL HURRICANES!

TIMBERS CREAKED, GROANED AND GROUND IN THE OLD BOAT AS THE FORCE OF THE STORM SMASHED AT IT LIKE A HUGE MAILED FIST...

TIE THOSE CRATES... THEY'RE LOOSE! COME BACK HERE, YOU BLASTED SCUM!

THE BOAT PITCHED AND SCREAMED LIKE A LIVE THING AS DEATH CLUTCHED IT! CRATES SLID INTO THE FOAMING WATER, THE ROARS OF FRIGHTENED BEASTS TURNED THE NIGHT INTO MADNESS...

NO! NO! I.. I CAN'T SWIM!

TERROR GRIPPED HIM AS THE WATER CLOSED OVER HIM! WILDLY HIS ARMS THRASHED OUT. HIS HAND TOUCHED WOOD AND HE GRABBED AND HE HELD WITH ALL HIS MIGHT...

IF I CAN KEEP AFLOAT ON THIS UNTIL THE STORM QUITS...

B'WANA, HELP FELLA BOY, HE GO DROWNING!

GET AWAY, YOU'LL SINK THIS CRATE!

THE NATIVE DISAPPEARED BENEATH THE RAGING SEA! THE HUNTER CLUNG LIKE A BURR TO THE PITCHING, TOSSING CRATE...

THE CRATE..THE BATTERING..IT'S TAKING IS CAUSING IT TO BREAK UP!

THE TOP BOARDS SHIFTED UNDER HIS FINGERS, THE SPACES BETWEEN THEM WIDENING! WE PEERED DOWN THROUGH THE GAPS.

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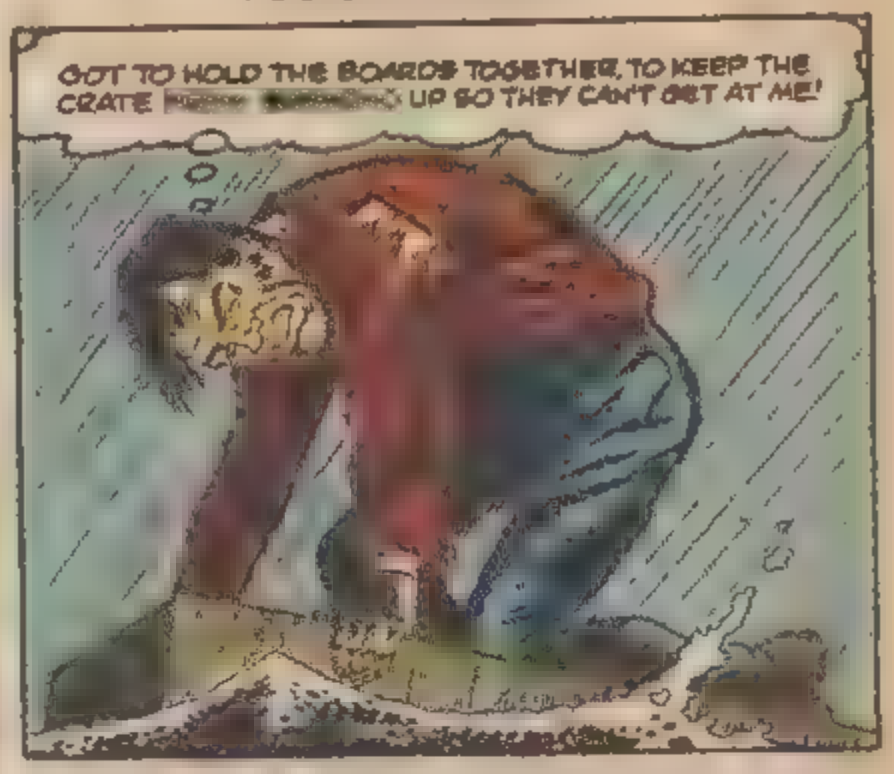
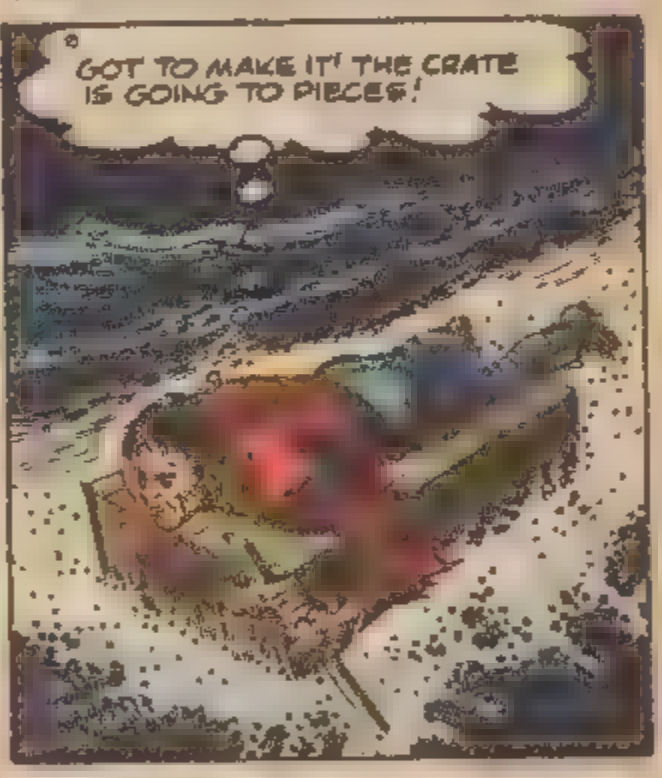
THEY COILED AND THRASHED WITH SCALY STRENGTH AGAINST THE WEAKENING CONFINES OF THE CRATE, HISSING THEIR THREATS OF DEATH..WILD AND VICIOUS WITH FEAR!



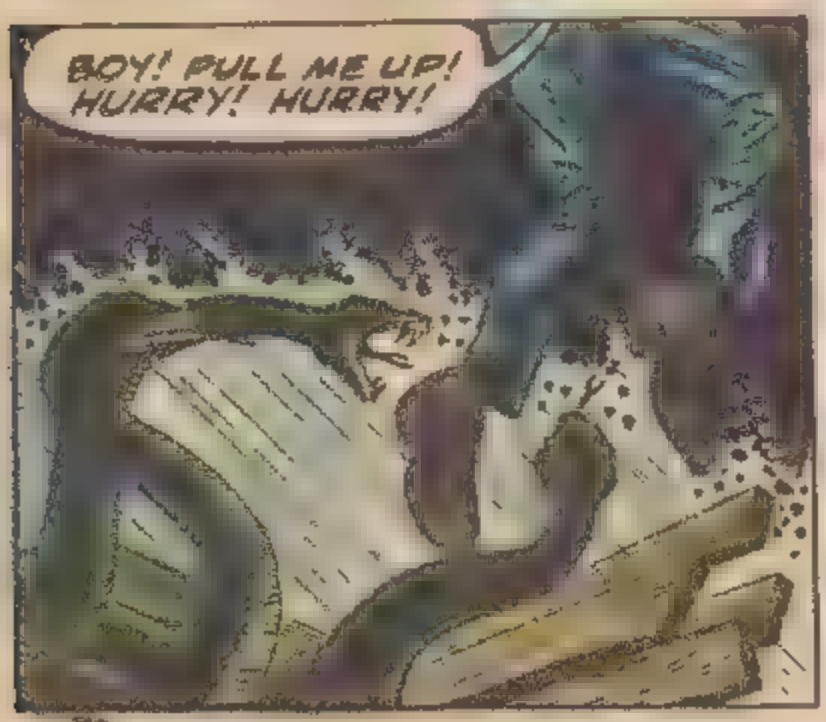
HIS FINGERS BLED WITH RAWNESS AS HE ATTEMPTED TO HOLD THE BREAKING BOX TOGETHER! HE WOULD DROWN, CHOKED AND STRANGLING WITH WATER IF HE LEFT THE CRATE.. AND IF HE STAYED, SOONER OR LATER THE DEADLY MAMBAS WOULD PUSH THROUGH!

THEN, IN THE TOSSING DARKNESS A BLACK PATCH LOOMED AHEAD..

HE PADDLED FRANTICALLY TOWARD THE WRECK! IT WAS A BEACON IN THE STORM! THE ONLY CHANCE HE HAD FOR LIFE..



THE CRATE BUMPED AGAINST THE SIDE OF THE WRECK, BREAKING, AND THE MAMBAS SLITHERED OUT! HE SHOUTED, AND OUT OF THE DARKNESS A HAND REACHED TO HIS! SOBBING, CRYING IN THANKFULLNESS, HE WAS PULLED UPWARD..



HE'D MADE IT! RESCUED! HIS HEAD JERKED UPWARD! THEN THE GRIN ON HIS FACE FROZE, AND A SCREAM BUBBLED UP IN HIS THROAT, AS HE GAZED INTO THE FACE OF HIS DELIVERER!

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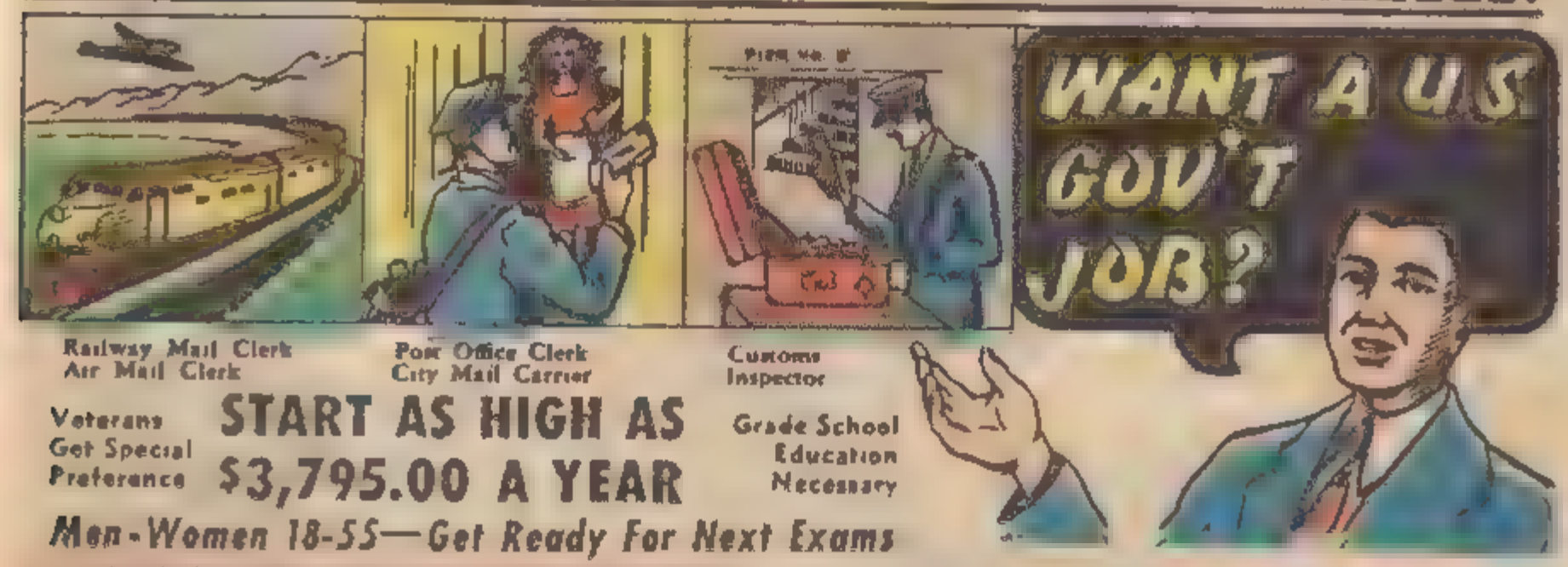

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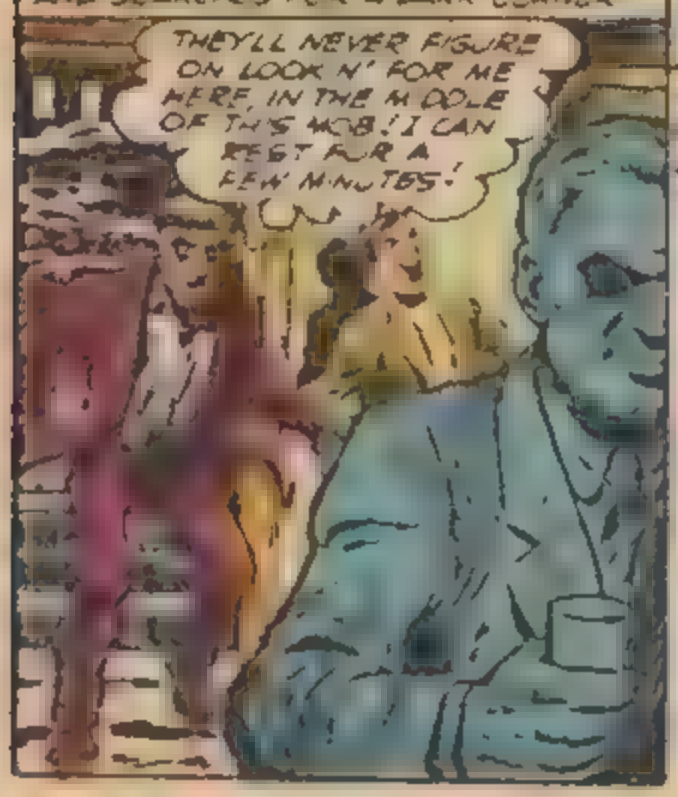
THERE HE GOES! IT'S KIRK REED ALL RIGHT! SHOOT TO KILL!
BE CAREFUL, RYAN... HE'S GOT A GUN! AND HE'S A MANIAC!
GOTTA FIND A PLACE TO HIDE! THEY'LL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE!
MYSTERY TALE
TO HOLD YOU BREATHLESS

KIRK REED, MURDERER AND ESCAPED CONVICT, ELUDES HIS PURSUERS AND MANAGES TO DOUBLE BACK TO SOUTH STREET. HE FINDS A CROWDED BAR, AND SEARCHES FOR A DARK CORNER



BUT JUST WHEN IT SEEMS TO KIRK REED HE HAS FOUND A PLACE TO CATCH HIS BREATH, HE HEARS HIS NAME...

...KIRK REED WAS LAST SEEN IN THE WATERFRONT AREA! HE IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS! ABOUT 5 FEET TALL, DARK HAIR... TATTOO ON HIS RIGHT ARM...

HE DOESN'T HAVE TO HEAR THE REST. SOMEONE IS SURE TO IDENTIFY HIM FROM THE DESCRIPTION. ALL KIRK REED CAN DO IS KEEP RUNNING...

STUMBLING ALONG THE COBBLESTONES, HE'S GOT TO KEEP GOING, OR DIE..

IT'S NO USE! THERE'S NO PLACE TO HIDE! EVERYTHING'S SHUT UP TIGHT!

THAT LOOKS LIKE A LIGHT IN THE SMALL STORE! MAYBE I COULD BUST IN THERE AND GET SOME FOOD AND REST!

IT'S JUST AN OLD TAILOR WORKING LATE! LOOKS LIKE HE'S ALONE TOO! THIS'LL BE A CINCH!

OKAY, POP.. KEEP QUIET AND YOU WON'T GET HURT!

PLEASE.. DON'T SHOOT ME! I'M A POOR OLD MAN! I HAVE NO MONEY! I'M ALL ALONE!

ALONE? GOOD! THIS IS AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY, FOR ME TO REST AND GET CLEANED UP! I'M GOING TO BE YOUR GUEST FOR A WHILE, POP!

THE OLD MAN DOESN'T PUT UP AN ARGUMENT, SO KIRK REED SETTLES DOWN TO REGAIN HIS STRENGTH! THE FIRST THING HE DOES IS GET CLEANED UP...

HURRY UP WITH THAT FOOD, OLD MAN... I'M HUNGRY ENOUGH TO EAT A HORSE!

YES...YES .IT'S ALMOST DONE! IT WAS ALL I HAD IN THE HOUSE! IF YOU'D LET ME GO TO THE STORE.

HA! HA! SO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE STORE, HUH? WHAT KIND OF A FOOL DO YOU TAKE ME FOR? YOU'D RUN STRAIGHT TO THE POLICE!

NO! I -I.. WOULDN'T DO A THING LIKE THAT!

YOU BE A GOOD COOK POP! NOW I WANT YOU TO MAKE ME A NEW OUTFIT LIKE YOU DO FOR THEM RICH GUYS THAT COME IN HERE!

BUT-- I COULDN'T DO THAT! IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT!

IT WOULDN'T, EH? YOU'D BETTER GET OUT YOUR MEASURING TAPE, OR ELSE--!

ALL RIGHT -- IF YOU WANT ME TO, I'LL-- I'LL MAKE IT FOR YOU!

AND LISTEN OLD MAN-- I WANT YOU TO USE YOUR ***BEST STUFF!*** NONE OF THAT CHEAP MATERIAL! I WANT THIS TO LAST! YOU GET ME?

YES SIR. I--I DO THE BEST IN TOWN! IT'LL LAST FOR A LONG! TIME!

NOW I'M GONNA GRAB A LITTLE SHUT-EYE! DON'T GET ANY SMART IDEAS, BECAUSE I'M A VERY LIGHT SLEEPER! JUST SIT AT THAT SEWING MACHINE AND MAKE SURE YOU FINISH THIS BY MORNING!

WHATEVER YOU SAY! I'LL WORK ON IT ALL NIGHT!

SO WHILE KIRK REED SLEEPS, THE OLD MAN WORKS ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT--- AND THE NIMBLE OLD FINGERS STITCH AWAY ON A MURDERERS SUIT---

MORNING COMES AND STILL THE OLD MAN WORKS! KIRK REED STIRS AND AWAKES ---

AIN'T HAD A REST LIKE THAT SINCE I BROKE OUTA JAIL! HEY YOU STILL WORKIN ON THAT THING?

YES I'VE BEEN SEWING ALL NIGHT! MY FINGERS ARE NUMB, AND MY WHOLE BODY ACHES!

BUT NOW IT'S FINISHED--ONE OF THE FINEST STITCHING JOBS, I'VE EVER DONE.

YOU MEAN YOU REALLY FINISHED IT? I NEVER HAD A SUIT TAILORED TO FIT ME! I SHOULDA THOUGHT OF THIS BEFORE!

OKAY, POP... LET'S SEE HOW IT FITS ME! I'D BETTER TAKE OFF THIS SHIRT SO I DON'T DIRTY MY NEW OUTFIT!

YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO PUT IT ON *NOW?* ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO?

JUNE

YEAH, SURE... I WANT TO SEE HOW GOOD YOU MADE IT! *HEY!* WHO'S THAT? *SOMEBODY'S COMING!*

HEY, POP... WHY ARE YOUR SHADES PULLED DOWN AT *THIS* HOUR?

WHAT TH... *REED!*

LOOK OUT! HE'S GOT A GUN! HE'LL *KILL* YOU!

YOU'LL NEVER GET ME OUT OF HERE, ALIVE!

OKAY... IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT, REED!

SUDDENLY, A BULLET FINDS ITS MARK AND KIRK REED'S BODY IS SLAMMED BACKWARD! HE FEELS THE BURNING STING. AND THEN HIS BODY GOES NUMB...

YOU'VE GOT HIM! YOU'VE KILLED HIM!

KEEP AWAY FROM HIM! HE MAY BE FAKING!

BLAM! BLAM!

HE WAS A TOUGH CUSTOMER ALL RIGHT! BUT WHAT WAS HE DOING IN *HERE?* ODD COINCIDENCE...

YEP.. I'VE BEEN IN THIS BUSINESS A LONG TIME, MIKE, AND IT SURE IS STRANGE...

YEP.. THIS IS THE *FIRST* TIME A CUSTOMER HAS EVER *WALKED* INTO MY SHOP FOR A FITTING!

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a mist began to appear that forced the boat to go slower even though there was only a very remote chance they would see any other boat. While taking his morning stroll around the boat, Dan Shelby stopped as he watched two of the crew men talking. You could see fear written all over their faces.

"Listen to me Pedro," said Juan Allegro, "It is here that the terrible sea serpent lives. He is ageless and has survived for hundreds of thousands of years. Some say he is really the Devil himself. When my father was a boy he sailed to this place. The sea serpent smashed his boat and only my father and one sailor lived to come back after weeks at sea in a liteboat."

"The boat is stopping," remarked Dan to the two crew men, "and we shall all know soon if the sea serpent really exists. Captain Stone is going to throw over whale meat. He said it will attract this sea serpent."

Captain Stone was at the bow of his ship. He was throwing over large chunks of whale meat. Suddenly Steve Brower grabbed Dan's arm and shouted at the top of his lungs.

"Look, it's coming to the surface and taking the whale meat. It really exists!"

And then it appeared on the surface just like it looked on the picture. It had the head of a lion, the long body of a python, and the arms of an octopus. Professor Louis Fuld trained his motion picture camera on the sea serpent and was as happy as a kid that just received a set of trains. There was a smile of self satisfaction on Captain Stone's face as he remarked to his guests.

"Well, you doubting people, here you see for yourself that the sea serpent really exists. Too bad we can't try to take him aboard. But he is said to have such strength he might damage my boat in a fight though I think the "Flying Fish" would come out first."

As though he heard the challenge, the Bellinarius Submergus turned around and headed straight for the boat. He hit it with all his strength and the ship almost turned over. Then the sea serpent raised some of his arms and began to grab the bow of the ship.

"Help, help," shouted Juan, "The devil himself is going to take us down to the bottom of the ocean. We shall be living there and never die."

Captain Stone froze in his tracks. He opened his mouth to say something but the words refused to come out. Dan Shelby put his right hand in his coat pocket, came out with a hand grenade, pulled the pin and threw it right into the sea serpent's open mouth. There was a muffled explosion and the water began to turn a crimson color.

"It is dying," yelled the Professor, "Somebody try to bring it aboard the boat." For three hours the men struggled to lift the sea serpent aboard the boat. But it seemed to be turning into some kind of a jelly and slowly dissolving into the water that had once nourished it. Captain Stone retired to his room to be by himself. The Professor went into his room and developed the film he had taken. At supper that evening, as the boat headed back to port, he made a sad announcement.

"I just can't understand it." And then he sighed and continued speaking. "My film came out perfect. It showed everything except the sea serpent. Now what does that mean? Was it a figment of our imagination? Was it real? Could it be that this sea serpent is a creature that can not be photographed?"

"I don't know what it means," confessed Captain Stone, "but this much I have to say. The picture I showed you was a fake. Down in my storeroom was and still is a fake sea serpent I had rigged up to use. The bow of my ship was smashed in by the sea serpent we did see. It was real and exactly like my fake one. Gentlemen, give me an answer if you can."

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BELL, HISTORIAN, MAN OF LETTERS AND PERHAPS GIFTED WITH THE GREATEST ALL-AROUND BRILLIANCE OF THE GROUP

AND TAKI, THE GENETICIST, INVENTOR OF THE LONGEVITY SERUM THAT COULD MAKE A MAN LIVE 200 YEARS...

I WILL PREPARE THE SERUM!

ONLY WE HERE WILL RECEIVE THE LONGEVITY SERUM OF TAKI'S! IT IS NECESSARY THAT WE LIVE LONG, UNTIL MAN SEES THE USEFULNESS OF THE NEW SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WE WILL GIVE TO HIM!

WITH SCIENTISTS AT THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, MANKIND WILL MAKE RAPID STRIDES FORWARD.. WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE THEIR IMAGINATION AND SKILLS FULL SWAY! GOVERNMENT AS IT EXISTS TODAY IS RIDDLED WITH GRAFT AND INCOMPETENCE!

IN THE NEW WORLD WHICH WE SHALL GIVE MANKIND, WITH SCIENTISTS AT THE HELM, MAN CAN HAVE COMPLETE FAITH IN HIS LEADERS, AND EVERY MAN WILL AID IN THE SCIENTIFIC WONDERS OF THE FUTURE!

I WOULD SUGGEST WE PICK ONE OF US TO JOURNEY IN THE TIME MACHINE FOR THE FIRST VISIT INTO THE FUTURE!

BELL IS THE MAN TO GO! HE IS BEST EQUIPPED FOR SUCH A JOURNEY!

HOW DO THE REST OF YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS?

I VOTE FOR BELL!

I, TOO!

I THANK YOU GENTLEMEN FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE! I WILL TAKE THE JOURNEY INTO THE FUTURE TOMORROW MORNING AND WILL TAKE COMPLETE NOTES ON THE PROGRESS OF STANDISH'S DREAM OF GOVERNMENT!

THAT NIGHT, STANDISH LAY IN HIS BED AND THE FANATICISM THAT WAS PART OF HIS DREAM SWEPT OVER HIM.

WHY SHOULD IT BE BELL? THE HONOR SHOULD HAVE BEEN *MINE*! IT IS *MY* DEAL I SHOULD BE THE ONE TO GO INTO THE FUTURE

QUIETLY STANDISH STOLE DOWN THE CORRIDOR TOWARD THE LABORATORY WHERE THE TIME MACHINE STOOD GLEAMING IN THE DARK

AWAKENED FROM SLEEP THE LABORATORY ANIMALS MOVED RESTLESSLY! RATS SQUEALED SNAKES HISSED SPIDERS SWAYED ON THEIR SILKY WEBS

NO, I CANNOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN! I WILL BE THE ONE TO SEE MY PLAN FOR THE NEW WORLD IN ACTION!

I WILL GO A HUNDRED YEARS INTO THE FUTURE

HE PULLED THE LEVER THAT WOULD TRANSPORT HIM INTO THE FUTURE! FOR A SECOND THE WORLD, HIS BODY, ALL THAT HE KNEW, SEEMED TO WHIRL AWAY INTO A VOID OF NOTHINGNESS..

THEN STABILITY CAME AGAIN! HE LOOKED OUT

ROARRRR!

I AM HERE...IN THE FUTURE AND *THIS* IS THE WORLD MY DREAM WILL BUILD!

MOVE ALONG THERE!

MOVE FASTER OR WE'LL TAKE AWAY YOUR RATION CARDS!

JUST A MINUTE, FRIEND! WHY ARE THOSE UNFORMED MEN TREATING THE OTHERS SO BADLY? ARE THEY CRIMINALS?

NO, STRANGER... ALL PEOPLE WORK IN THE SCIENCE PLANTS AND MUST HAVE THEIR WORK CARDS CHECKED NIGHTLY IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FOOD!

IT'S THE LEADER'S LAW! I MUST HURRY ON... IT GROWS LATE AND ALL PEOPLE MUST BE OFF THE STREETS AND CHECKED INTO GOVERNMENT SLEEPING PLACES OR THE LEADER'S POLICE WILL KILL THEM!

BUT THIS IS DICTATORSHIP! A [redacted]

I WORK ON A GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC FARM OUTSIDE THE CITY! I USE THE DONKEY BECAUSE VEHICLES BUILT BY SCIENTISTS ARE NOT GIVEN TO COMMON MEN! IT'S THE *LEADER'S LAW!*

BUT THIS CANNOT BE! TELL ME, WHAT HAS BECOME OF DR KRAUS, MARTIN, BELL AND SIR!?

THEY WERE ONCE OF THE GOVERNMENT, BUT THE LEADER PUT THEM TO DEATH!

ALL THOSE BRILLIANT MINDS, MURDERED BY THIS MANIAC CALLED THE LEADER..THIS DICTATOR WHO HAS TURNED MY DREAM INTO A NIGHTMARE! MANKIND DULLED AND PUSHED TO THE LEVEL OF THE BEAST! PERSONAL FREEDOM GONE!

SHAKEN, FILLED WITH FURY AT THIS MONSTER WHO HAD MADE MOCKERY OF HIS DREAM, STANDISH STALKED TOWARD THE PALACE...

MY PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT TWISTED TO *HIS OWN* ROTTEN ENDS FOR POWER AND WEALTH BY THIS *LEADER!* I MUST KILL HIM OR MANKIND IS FOREVER DOOMED! THIS MADMAN CANNOT MAKE A MOCKERY OF MY DREAM!

FOOL, WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING?

I AM A TRAVELER FROM ANOTHER TIME SPHERE! I SEEK AUDIENCE WITH THE LEADER!

TIME PASSED WHILE STANDISH WAITED, AND DURING THAT TIME, HE COLDLY MADE HIS PLANS.

I WILL GRAB A GUN, KILL THE LEADER! AND IN THE CONFUSION I MAY BE ABLE TO GET BACK TO THE TIME MACHINE!

THE LEADER WILL SEE YOU!

SO YOU ARE THE ONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE A TIME TRAVELER! WHAT WORD DO YOU BRING THE LEADER?

JUST ONE WORD!

STANDISH'S HAND STRUCK DOWNWARD TO THE HOLSTER OF THE NEAREST POLICEMAN AND AS HE SHOT, A THOUGHT FLICKERED THROUGH HIS MIND... "THIS LEADER LOOKS FAMILIAR! WHERE HAVE I SEEN HIS FACE BEFORE?"

THE ONE WORD IS DEATH!

BANG! BANG! BANG!

HE RUSHED PAST ASTONISHED GUARDS AND REACHED THE TIME MACHINE! QUICKLY HE SET THE DIALS AND PULLED THE LEVER! IT WAS THEN THAT HE HEARD THE CRIES...THOSE OF THE PURSUING POLICE AND THE GLAD CRIES OF THE PEOPLE...

HE KILLED THE LEADER! STANDISH, THE LEADER, IS DEAD!

HE KILLED STANDISH, THE LEADER!

AMID THE WHIRL OF TIME THAT CAME WITH TRANSITION STANDISH KNEW THE TRUTH! THE MONSTER HE HAD KILLED, THE MAN WHO HAD WARPED HIS DREAM, HAD BEEN HIMSELF!

I KILLED MYSELF!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

SADLY THEY HELPED THE LAUGHING MADMAN FROM THE MACHINE...

THIS IS THE END OF HIS DREAM! STANDISH IS A RAVING MANIAC...A MADMAN! HOW THEN CAN HE HOPE TO RULE US?

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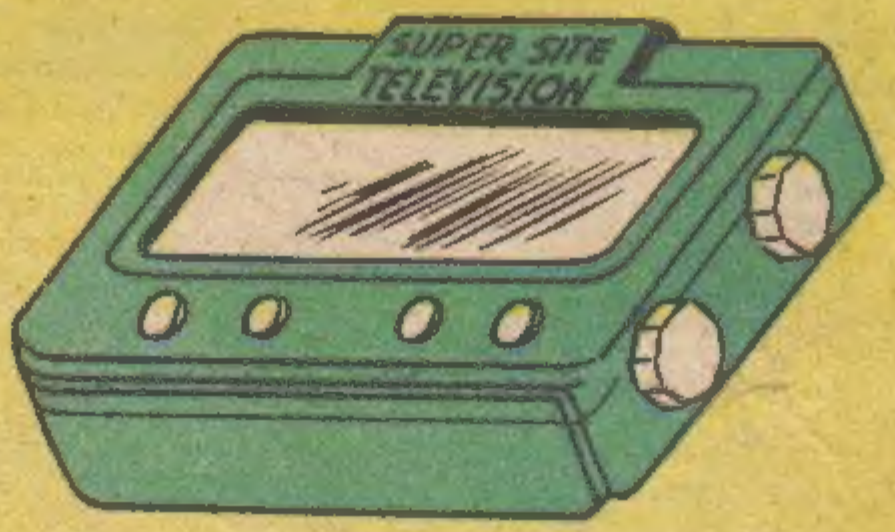

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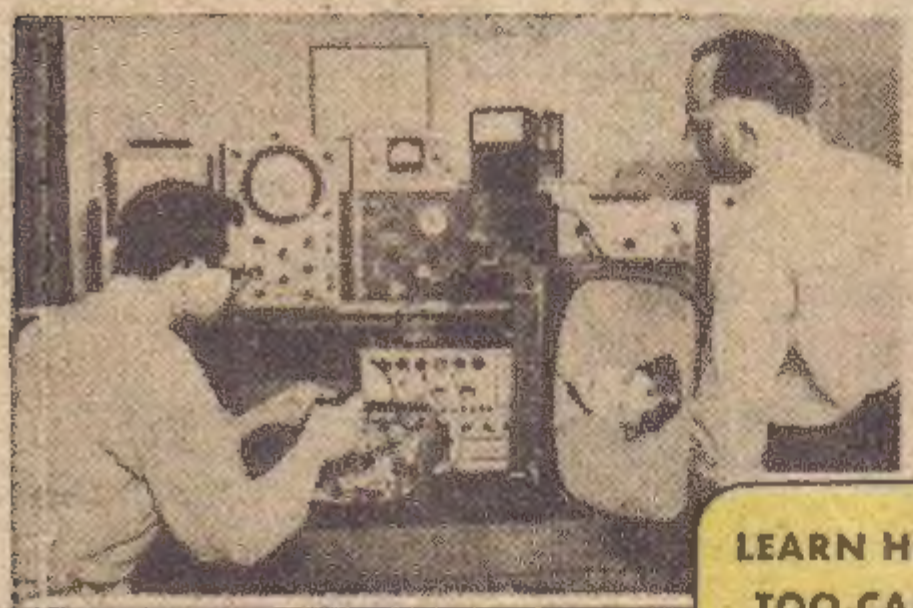

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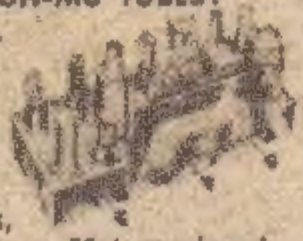

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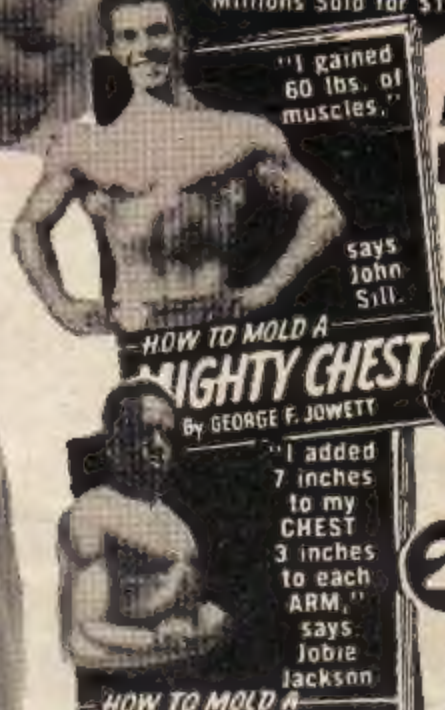
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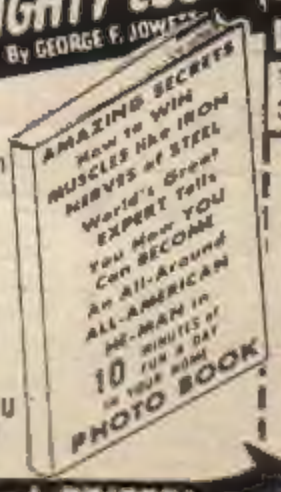
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